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FOR EA/IMS INGRAHAM FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: DECON ON RECEIPT

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SUBJ: MIT - OHIO UNIVERSITY AGREEMENT

REF: A. STATE 55111

B. KUALA LUMPUR 1246

1. GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR PROMPT CONTACT WITH WARMKE. WE HAVE HEARD FROM ARSHAD'S SPECIAL ASSISTANT THAT OU PROFESSOR AT MIT INFORMED BY WARMKE THAT AGREEMENT IS NOW FIRM WITH OU, PARTLY AS RESULT YOUR TELECON. RE PARA 5 REFTEL, WE AGREE WITH SENDING LETTER TO WARMKE, IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO.

2. FYI - PART OF PROBLEM WITH MIT APPEARS TO BE MOVE BY EDUCATION MINISTRY TAKE CONTROL OF THIS INSTITUTION WHICH HERETOFORE HAS BEEN INDEPENDENT PRESERVE OF ITS DYNAMIC DIRECTOR, ARSHAD. MINISTRY CONTROL AND ARSHAD'S DEPARTURE MAY SLOW DOWN MIT DEVELOPMENT, BUT WE BELIEVE POLITICAL IMPORTANCE OF MIT FOR PROMOTION OF BUMIPUTRA INTERESTS WILL INSURE ITS CONTINUATION AS STRONG INSTITUTION. DOUBT IF OU'S PROGRAMS WITH MIT WOULD BE JEAPORDIZED THEREBY.

3. ADVISE WARMKE THAT EMBASSY PLEASED TO ASSIST HIM WITH APPOINTMENTS DURING VISIT. FOR FAIR PICTURE OF SITUATION AS AFFECTS MIT, SUGGEST FOLLOWING: HOME
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MINISTER GHAZALI SHAFIE, HEAD OF MIT'S GOVERNING BOARD;

LORD PRESIDENT SUFFIAN (ALSO CHAIRMAN OF NATIONAL
EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL); EDUCATION MINISTER MAHATHIR
OR HIS DIRECTOR GENERAL HAJI HAMDAN; UNGKU AZIZ, VICE
CHANCELLOR UM; PRESIDENT OF SENATE TAN SRI OMAR YOKE
LIN ONG, ALSO PRESIDENT MALAYSIAN-AMERICAN SOCIETY;
MEMBER PARLIAMENT AND VETERAN JOURNALIST AND DIPLOMAT
MOHAMMED SOPIEE. PLEASE ASK WARMKE SUPPLY ITINERARY
WELL IN ADVANCE, SINCE APPOINTMENTS DIFFICULT ARRANGE
WITH CABINET MINISTERS.

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